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IF YOU RUN ON LIES  
LONG ENOUGH THEY  
BECOME YOUR TRUTH.

DWEEP-  
DOP





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WAIT  
HERE. STAY  
QUIET.

DON'T  
LEAVE THE JUMP  
RADIUS.

DON'T  
COME OUT FOR  
ANYTHING.

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING?

YOU'RE ALL PROTECTED  
WITH THE HELMETS—THE  
MILLIPEDES WON'T BE ABLE  
TO FIND YOU DOWN  
HERE.

BUT THE  
SHAMAN AND  
I...

THEY ALREADY KNOW.

WE'RE A  
LIABILITY.

NONE OF THEM  
ROTTEN ENOUGH  
TO SUGGEST  
THE OBVIOUS.

THERE'S AN  
ARMY COMING,  
KAD'R.

YOU'LL  
DIE UP  
THERE.



SO NOBLE.

SO FULL  
OF SHIT.

IF I STAY  
DOWN HERE  
WE'LL ALL DIE.



DON'T WORRY.  
THOSE BUGS DON'T  
HAVE A HIGH-TECH,  
SUPER SHAMAN  
BACKING  
THEM UP.

I HAVE  
THE SPIRIT OF  
THE GREAT  
RAVEN TO  
SHAKE.



THERE'S ONLY  
FIFTEEN  
MINUTES  
LEFT—

W-WILL  
YOU MAKE IT  
BACK IN  
TIME?



I DON'T  
KNOW.

MAYBE  
NOT.

AREN'T YOU  
SUPPOSED TO  
TELL ME  
SOMETHING MORE...  
REASSURING?

I'M  
DONE LYING,  
AND YOU'RE  
TOO SMART TO  
PATRONIZE,  
NATE.





ALWAYS SAW YOU AS THE  
KIND OF GUY WHO'D  
CHEAT AT MONOPOLY  
WITH HIS KIDS...

I WAS  
WRONG  
ABOUT YOU,  
MAN.

NEON BILLBOARD FLASH:  
BIG HERO SAVING THEM...



...FROM THE  
SITUATION  
HE CAUSED.

CHANDRA...?

YES?

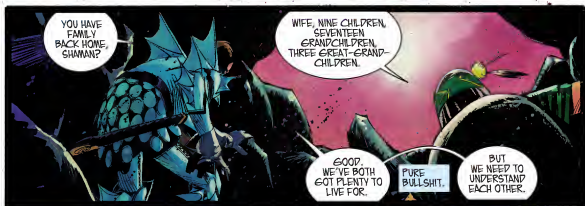
I JUST  
WANTED TO...  
TO SAY...

WHAT?



...NOTHING.

EGOTIST'S PLAY TOY  
FINDS NEW DISTRACTION.



YOU HAVE  
FAMILY  
BACK HOME,  
SHAMAN?

WIFE, NINE CHILDREN,  
SEVENTEEN  
GRANDCHILDREN,  
THREE GREAT-GRAND-  
CHILDREN.

GOOD.  
WE'VE BOTH  
GOT PLENTY TO  
LIVE FOR.

PURE  
BULLSHIT.

BUT  
WE NEED TO  
UNDERSTAND  
EACH OTHER.



IF THEY'RE ABOUT TO DIG  
THE PILLAR'S LOCATION  
OUT OF EITHER  
OF US--

I  
UNDERSTAND.

HE'LL DO WHAT  
NEEDS DOING.

SEEN WHAT  
HAPPENS WITH  
A PILLAR IN THE  
WRONG HANDS.

IF IT  
COMES TO THAT,  
DO ME A  
SOLID--





"...I'VE GOT SHIT  
TO DO NEXT WEEK."

GREETINGS,  
TRAVELER.  
I AM BLOK,  
EUCALYPTUS OF  
THIS WORLD.

WE HAVE  
SUFFERED  
IN WAIT.

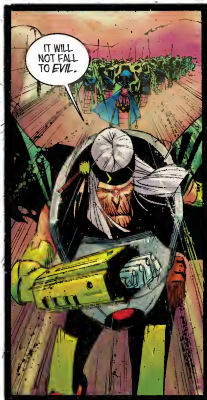
THE ANTI-GOD  
HAS BROUGHT YOU  
A GREAT DISTANCE  
TO DELIVER  
FIL'AR.



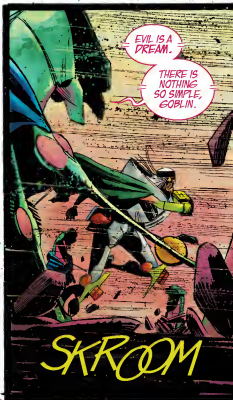
LIBERATION  
WILL BE YOUR  
REWARD.

THIS  
BLACK  
SCIENCE  
IS MINE TO  
GUARD.

IT WILL  
SPREAD ITS  
CURSE NO  
FURTHER.



IT WILL  
NOT FALL  
TO EVIL.



EVIL IS A  
DREAM.

THERE IS  
NOTHING  
SO SIMPLE,  
GOBLIN.

SKROOM



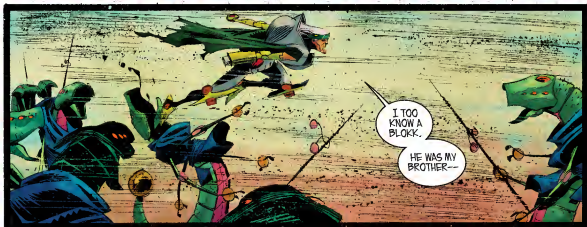
THE ONLY  
ABSOLUTE  
IS PAIN.

THE ONLY  
SOLUTION IS  
RELEASE!

WE ARE  
SERVANTS  
OF TRUE  
BIRTH!









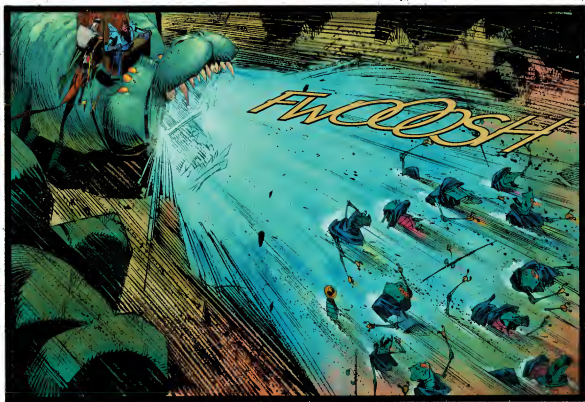
--THESE WINDS  
WILL CARRY YOUR  
POLLUTION NO  
FURTHER.

LOOK HERE,  
MR. HIPPO.



IT'S YOUR OLD FRIENDS,  
THE SPEAR-HURLING  
MILLIPEDES.

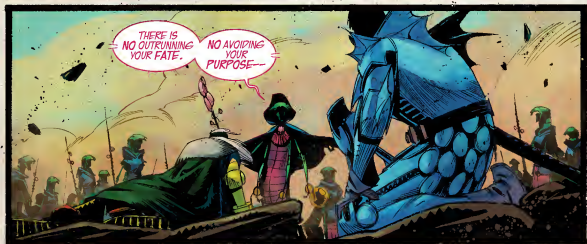
YOU HAVE  
SOMETHING  
YOU'D LIKE  
TO SAY TO  
THEM?













"—FOR MY WILL IS  
MADE MANIFEST."

THAT  
DIDN'T SOUND  
GOOD.

THE FACT THAT  
WE COULD HEAR  
IT FROM DOWN  
HERE...

RIGHT  
ABOVE US.  
IT WAS  
RIGHT—



OK, HOLD IT  
TOGETHER—  
STAY  
CALM.

YOU THINK  
THAT CLUB'S  
GONNA HELP IF  
THEY FIND US?



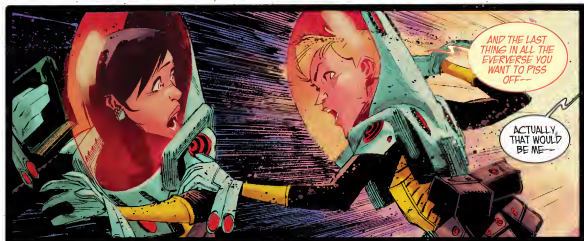
I PLAYED  
BASEBALL.

VARSITY.



GREAT  
IF ONE OF  
THOSE THINGS  
COMES DOWN  
HERE MAYBE  
THEY'LL BE UP  
FOR A QUICK  
GAME.







--AND I'M  
TAKING MY  
GODDAMNED  
CHILDREN  
BACK.



DROP  
THAT ROCK,  
SHAWN.

THESE  
AREN'T YOUR  
KIDS!

ONLY A PARENT  
COULD UNDERSTAND  
HOW WRONG YOU ARE.



ONLY A PARENT CAN  
LOVE SOMETHING  
DEEPLY ENOUGH TO  
RISK WHAT WE DO  
BY COMING  
HERE.

FIA--  
GRAB YOUR  
BROTHER.



TAKE YOUR  
MOTHER'S HAND  
AND LEAVE WITH  
US RIGHT NOW..



...OR YOU'LL BE DEAD  
WITHIN THE HOUR.

VILE  
FIENDS—  
YOU WILL NOT  
GO BEYOND  
THIS PLANE!

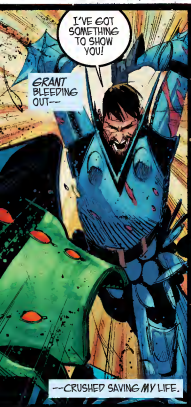
THEY  
COME—  
NEVER-  
ENDING  
WAVES.

WHISPERS—  
NIPPING AT  
MY MIND.

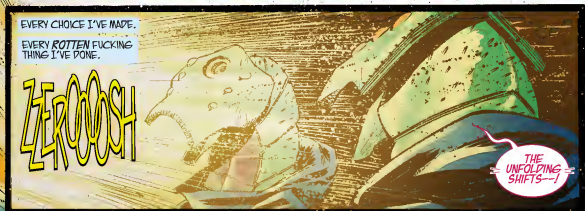
WEARING  
ME DOWN.













...THAT SHE CHOSE THE WRONG MAN.



GRANT...?



WHERE  
ARE MY  
KIDS?!

I SAW  
YOU...



WHERE THE  
FLICK ARE  
MY KIDS  
KADIR?!

SAFE...  
T-THEY'RE  
SAFE...



IN A CAVE  
BEHIND US  
WHERE—

YOU  
LEFT THEM  
ALONE?!



YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND—

OH,  
I THINK  
I DO.

TAKE ME  
TO THEM—  
I'VE GOT AN  
OPERATIONAL  
PILLAR—



WE'RE  
GOING  
HOME.



BACK  
OFF!

BRANKA  
BRANKA



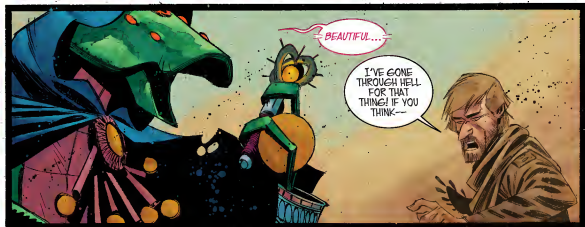
YOU  
DELIVER US  
PIL'AR?

ALL  
SUFFERING  
WILL END!



YOURS  
AT LEAST.

SCHLUNK



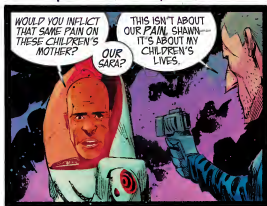






I COULDN'T BEGIN TO IMAGINE  
THE DEVASTATION OF LOSING  
YOUR CHILDREN—

NO. YOU  
COULDN'T.



WOULD YOU INFLICT  
THAT SAME PAIN ON  
THESE CHILDREN'S  
MOTHER?

OUR  
SARA?

THIS ISN'T ABOUT  
OUR PAIN, SHAWN—  
IT'S ABOUT MY  
CHILDREN'S  
LIVES.



AND I'D MARCH NAKED  
THROUGH HELL ITSELF  
IF IT MEANT KEEPING  
THEM SAFE.



I'VE SEEN THIS  
A HUNDRED  
TIMES.

AND EVERY VERSION  
OF THIS GROUP HAS  
GOTTEN OUR CHILDREN  
KILLED.

EVERY  
SINGLE  
ONE.



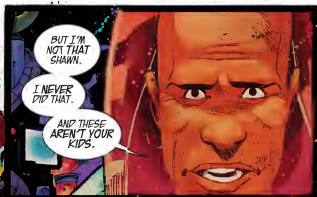
MAYBE OUR  
NATE AND PIA  
SURVIVED  
DUE TO SOME  
PRECAUTION  
OUR GRANT  
TOOK.

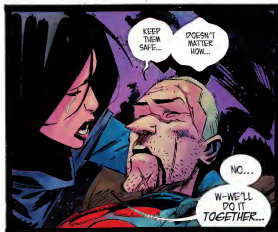
MAYBE  
WE'RE THE  
ONE'S WHO GET  
THEM HOME SAFE.



IF YOU CARE ABOUT  
THEM ISN'T THAT  
WHAT YOU SHOULD  
BE WORRIED  
ABOUT?



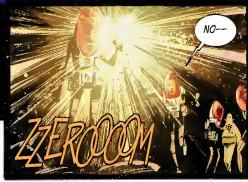






YOU WERE  
RIGHT  
TO FEAR ME,  
REBECCA.

DEEP



NO--

ZZEROOOOM



HOOF---!



YOU... IT'S  
ALWAYS  
YOU!

SARA?



GRANT?

DAD...?

THE SAME  
PATTERNS  
PLAYING  
THEMSELVES  
OUT IN EVERY  
DIMENSION...



IS IT  
REALLY  
YOU?

WHAT  
THE HELL  
IS GOING  
ON?

THIS HAS  
TO END.

EVERYWHERE  
WE GO THINGS  
GET WORSE.



I'VE PUT  
ALL OF  
REALITY AT  
RISK.



WE HAVE TO GO  
TO THE CENTER OF  
THE ONION--



"--AND WE HAVE  
TO STOP ME."

# FROM PILLAR TO POST

And the crew is all back together again, such a happy reunion. Alternate Sara having just watched her husband's mistress Rebecca accidentally kill him probably isn't going to go over super well. Alt. Sara is now with our Grant and his kids, as well as Kadir, the man who killed her kids in her world. I bet Kadir and Grant have a dozen reasons to hate each other. Chandra, inhabited by the sentient gas ghost of Monkey Grant McKay from monkey world now has a Pillar. Oh, so does Blokk, leader of the telepathic millipede death cult. Shawn and Chandra have yet to play the big roles, but fear not, they shine in next arc. So, the stage is set for the culmination of all elements in the series to date, some fun times ahead for our Anarchist League of Scientists.

This marks the end of year one of BLACK SCIENCE and we accomplished something I never dreamed we could; we produced 11 issues in a year, no corners were cut. In fact the average page count on the series has been 24 or more pages an issue. This issue is 29 pages! That might not register with most readers, but the extra work enriches the story and allows it time to breathe and for all the cast to shine in their respective sequences. Okay, enough patting ourselves on the back.

Please keep sending us your thoughts, as it really is nice to read the reactions to the hard work. When you're moving through a story that is so long, the ideas and story beats lose their impact, as we already know where it all leads. So

it's a reinvigorating thrill to read your reactions as each chapter hits you fresh. On my last big sci-fi epic *Fear Agent* we had a big story planned out as well and the enthusiastic mail always helped to keep us pushing forward.

This is always my favorite point in a series as the weight of defining a lot of new characters is lifted a bit. We've done a good bit of that work. Of course there are big secrets and a lot of new sides to each character to be revealed but the cast has been fleshed out and now we can put the pedal down and rocket blast into the big high adventure pulp that Matteo draws so damn well.

Let's get to some letters...

Mr. Remender,

I would really like to thank you for putting such an intense and layered comic out. I've been reading since the start and every issue seems to peel the onion more and more. I was glad to see Grant come back and still be very key to the comic. Thanks again for all the material put out. You are the best writer out today. I love to listen to music while I read, it sort of builds atmosphere for me. What would you suggest?

Jason  
Columbia, SC

RR - Thanks, Jason. Here are some of the bands I listened to while writing issue 11: God is an Astronaut, 3 Inches of Blood, Run the Jewels, Man of Astro-Man, Vessels, Ulrich Schnauss, Cougar, The Evens, Hammock, RJD2, Saxon

Shore, Pelican, and Isis. You can't go wrong with anything by those magicians.

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To the Black Science Team,

I have been reading comics for three years now (not long by any means) and BLACK SCIENCE has captured me unlike any other book I have read. The surface Sci-Fi elements are brilliant and calculated but what I truly love is when you peel back the onion. I just finished issue #10 and the existential undertone of all it is beautiful. Thanks so much for creating such an amazing comic. I hope it lasts for dozens of issues.

Best,  
Adam Bottini

RR - Thanks you Adam. We have many years of story left to tell, so you're in luck. Buying the single issues helps ensure we can keep the comic alive so thank you for the monthly support.

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Dear Rick Remender,

This is my very first time writing to a comic letter column, so sorry if I break any rules. First off, I've only been reading comics for a year now and I must say that BLACK SCIENCE, Low, and *Deadly Class* are on my Top Ten. BLACK SCIENCE holds a special place in my heart because it will always be a reminder of my first semester of college. I had a terrible schedule where I had 3-hour gaps between classes and had no car. So I was stuck at school all day. There's a comic shop

near campus where I walk to kill time. I bought BLACK SCIENCE #1 the Wednesday it came out, based on the title alone. It sounded so metal. I read it later that evening while I was waiting for my ride. I listened to the Tron Legacy soundtrack while reading. It was fucking awesome. My friends don't read comics, so they're my special, personal escape from life. Every issue of BLACK SCIENCE makes me excited for the next.

Love,  
Matias Lopez

**RR - I love that Daft Punk Tron album. I write to it all the time. So much incredible scoring. I listed some other nice music options above, but if you like that soundtrack you have to read the next issue with some God is an Astronaut, so perfect.**

To Rick, Matteo, and Dean...

I gotta tell you guys that of all my "pulls" at my comic shop, BLACK SCIENCE is always the one that I practically try to read in my truck on the way home. It's always the first one I read! The reason I'm writing this note is to say "Thank You" for this book. I love that each issue has some new creature, some new world, for me to get totally absorbed into. Matteo and Dean's work on this book in my opinion is the best of the best. No one else's work out there right now takes me as far out of my world and into theirs as you guys do! And that, my friends, is why I read comics! 30 days never come soon enough! Looking forward to peeling back more layers of the onion

with you!

Gregg P.

P.S. As far as "merch" goes I vote for a patch or at the very least my truck needs a big onion sticker on it! The onion logo is so rad it needs to be out in the world! On my truck of course!

**RR - We're glad you enjoy the book so much. And if you like jumping around to new worlds the next arc will not disappoint. It'll be much more like the first arc in that we jump more often. I wanted to spend this story in one place to establish the big threat of the millipedes and flesh out the characters, but now that we have it's back to rapid jumping and fast chaos. We're working on merch, news soon.**

Hi Black Science Team,

I am trying to send you an emotional distress signal! I can't wait another 30 days for the next issue. BLACK SCIENCE has been one of favorite new comics and I am now excited to find out who this new Grant McKay is. Was very upset to see his untimely demise! "He was not the hero the Eververse deserved, but the hero it needed!"

Don't really have a question, but rather a simple request. I would love to see the addition of a lovable "pet" companion to our team! Of course it doesn't need to be a dog, but in the vast-ness of the Eververse, there has to be some creature that could devote itself to our young hero Nate McKay. I

personally wouldn't go on any adventure without my dog!!

Regardless, thanks for at least reading my letter!

Robbie H.  
Cincinnati, OH

**RR - You wanted a pet, you got one. Nate is now the proud parent of Krolar the little baby troll. We have some fun stuff planned for that particular piece. Nate has a big story coming up in a future arc, so it seems our millipede death cult masters have read your mind, Robbie.**

That's it for now. Before we go I'd like to bid farewell to the amazing Dean White. Dean's been such a huge piece of the book but alas he's also one of the most sought after and busy guys working, so we must release him to the wilds and to his many other projects. Let's give Dean a round of applause for his stunning work on the series to date.

This issue was colored by the amazing Michael Spicer who did stunning work. I expect we'll be seeing big things from him in the future. Starting on issue 12 our new colorist will be the equally amazing Moreno Dinisio, you can see his work over Matteo on the covers to issue 12 and 13 included in the back matter of this very issue.

See you in March 2015 for issue 12 and the journey to the center of the onion,

- Rick



# BLACK SCIENCE PROCESS







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